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Eighteen swimmers from the Flushing YMCA swim team recently returned from the National YMCA Long Course Swimming Championships in College Park, Maryland. The meet lasted four days and played host to 147 teams from 22 states. There were over 1,350 swimmers in the meet. The Flyers girls and boys combined for a 30th place finish.

The Flyers were led by All-Americans Kirsten Guelly and Matthew Collins. Kirsten placed 2nd in the 50 meter butterfly (28.65), 10th in the 100 meter fly (1:04.19) and 14th in the 200 meter fly (2:26.04). Matthew placed 16th in the 400 meter freestyle (4:14.78) and 17th in the 800 meter free (8:54.86) and posted a lifetime best time in the 200 free (2:01.16).

Other outstanding performances for the girls were turned in by Jane Kim 50 breaststroke (35.68), 100 breast (1:20.37) and 200 breast (2:51.22), Keara Leong 50 free (28.97), 100 free (1:03.86), Caitlin Graham, 50 fly (31.86), 100 fly (1:15.29), Eleonara Mazzetti, 50 free (29.35), 100 free (1:03.74), Katherine Kraus, 100 backstroke (1:17.79), 100 free (1:05.65), Lauren Betancourt 200 breaststroke (2:58.99), Kellyn McCarthy 50 breaststroke (37.83), 100 breast (1:23.21), Julia Sung 50 backstroke (36.04) and Jennifer Arana, 200 IM (2:35.88), 50 fly (30.77), 100 fly 1:09.24 and 200 fly (2:36.86). Outstanding swims for the boys included Ryan Bacci, 50 breast (32.50), 100 breast (1:13.70), 50 free (25.92), 100 free (55.93), Cody Pickel, 100 free (57.92), 200 free (2:07.10), Danny Graham 50 fly (29.71), 100 fly (1:07.09), Allen Chu, 50 breaststroke (32.85), 100 breast (1:15.79), Billy Hendershot, 400 free (4:35.22), 200 breaststroke (2:46.50), Danny Collins, 200 breaststroke (2:37.19), 200 fly (2:18.54) and Kenny Kim 50 fly (27.68), 50 breast (31.58), 18th place, 50 free (25.56) and 100 fly (1:05.23).

The Flyers finished their summer season with two swimmers competing at Penn State University from August 9th thru 12th at the Northeast Zone All-Star meet. Jennifer Arana placed 3rd in the 50 fly (30.77), 5th in the 100 fly (1:10.59) and 200 fly (2:36.50) and 8th in the 200 IM (2:38.20) and Steven Zhao placed 19th in the 50 free (33.17), 19th in the 100 free (1:11.99) and 26th in the 400 free (5:33.00).